



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 13th October 2019

Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.

Refreshments are usually served in the hall after Sunday services – do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 13th Oct

10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
Joyce Goodall and Rev Alison Walker

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP
Mary Ratcliffe

Bible reading: Luke 17: 11-19 (page 77)

Prayer topic: for prisoners and their families

Wed 16th Oct

10.00 “Time to Be” prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

18.45 for 19.30 “Table Talk” *(see overleaf)*

Thu 17th Oct

10.00-12.00 “First Friends” baby and toddler group

Sun 20th Oct

10.45 MORNING WORSHIP – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Rev Dr Jonathan Dean

12.30 Bring-and-share lunch

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

The **Methodist** Church



We are a
FAIRTRADE
church

Welcome to Castle Street Methodist Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the stewards and pick up a welcome leaflet. All people of this church are part of the ministry, led by the Revd Alison Walker who may be contacted electronically via the church website or by telephone on (01223) 872 862.

Our church magazine **Castle View** contains more details of events taking place each month – please pick up a copy of the latest issue.

There is a **Prayer Request** book at the back of the church, which is used during services and at prayer meetings – but remember it is on display for anyone in the church to read, so please respect the privacy of those concerned and avoid including names and other personal details unless specifically requested.

Church Anniversary, including bring-and-share lunch – next Sunday

A reminder that we celebrate our Church Anniversary next weekend, when Revd Jonathan Dean will lead morning worship. Jonathan was our part-time second minister nearly twenty years ago! We hope many will stay for the bring-and-share lunch – please sign up to say if you are coming and to offer contributions of food.

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### “Table Talk”

“Table Talk” continues this week on Wednesday evenings, when we shall start the course “Time to Talk of God”. To avoid clashing with the CCHP training evening on 30th October, the five sessions are now as follows:

- 16th Oct: “A Present God”
- 23rd Oct: “A Listening God”
- 6th Nov: “A Caring God”
- 13th Nov: “A Speaking God”
- 20th Nov: “Jesus as our Teacher and Model”

Those who wish, meet at 6.45pm for a simple cooked meal; tea and coffee are served at 7.30pm as the discussion gets underway. Finishing time is 9pm, so that clearing up can be finished by 9.30pm. If you’re coming for the meal, please sign up on the Doodle poll at <https://tinyurl.com/Table-Talk-Oct19>, or contact Alison.

Please do some preparation in advance of the discussions (which includes bringing some items and thinking about answers to questions) – many people have been e-mailed the details, but there are also some printed copies available. More copies the book *Talking of God Together* have been ordered.

### **Storey's Way Housegroup – restarting later this month**

The Storey's Way Housegroup resumes on Friday 25th October at 7.30pm, the first of four sessions. John Boocock will open this session by sharing experiences of how people have helped him on his faith journey and others are invited to share their own experiences. We are looking at the impact of others who accompany us and inspire us on our faith journeys. On 8th November, Nick Dale, who has special needs, and his mother, Joyce, will give an input on disability, and Eileen Harrison, who in earlier years worked with Nick, will contribute. In this session we will be looking at the theology of "wholeness" and the part faith plays in this. Nick will be sharing his faith journey.

In the third session on 22nd November, the first week of Advent, the group will share their rich and diverse wartime experiences and the part faith played. We all live with the legacy of war and wars continue. We will look at how faith and war interconnect today. Our Christmas Celebration will take place on 13th December (three weeks later), with readings and carols round the tree and a sharing of festive food. Speak to Joy and Geoff for more information.

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Cambridge Bible Society Action Group Autumn Supper – Friday (18th October)

This is taking place this Friday at the Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way, and starts at 6.45pm. The guest speaker is Graham Daniels, Director of Christians in Sport, whose theme is "Unchanging Word in the Changing Room". Tickets cost £7, and can be obtained from Brian West (e-mail: brian *dot* west1941 *at* gmail *dot* com), or speak to Chris Heath (tel.: (01223) 367 862).

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### **"A Faith to Live By" at Haslingfield Methodist Church – next Sunday evening**

The speaker at the first of this year's "Faith to Live By" services (next Sunday – 20th October) will be Revd Dr Brian Beck, who will ask "What's the use of John Wesley's sermons? Let's be honest – do they have any real value in this modern age?" Brian is a former President of the Methodist Conference and a former Principal of Wesley House. It starts at 6pm.

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"Making Sense of 1 Corinthians" – tonight at 7pm at St John's, Waterbeach

Revd Dr Mike Thompson will be helping make sense of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians this evening (Sunday 13th October). Mike is an experienced and accomplished communicator, and this promises to be a stimulating and illuminating session. 1 Corinthians is an important New Testament text, that is often difficult to read because it's highly contextual plus we only get one half of the conversation – like listening to one person on the telephone without hearing the responses! The customary refreshments will be served.

“Science Meets Faith” at Wesley Church – tomorrow (Monday 14th October)

The first of this year’s “Science Meets Faith” lectures will be given by Revd Hannah Hupfield, previously interim chaplain of St Catharine’s College. Her title is “And the memory remains: changing perceptions of science and religion over the centuries”. Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm, with the talk beginning at 7.45pm. There will be a retiring collection.

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### **Friends of Cam Sight fundraising lecture – Tuesday 29th October**

Prof Sir Colin Humphreys, CBE, FEng, FRS will give a talk on “Graphene: the new wonder material – but will it change the world?” Details appeared on last week’s notice sheet, or see <https://tinyurl.com/CamSight-GrapheneTalk> or via [www.camsight.org.uk](http://www.camsight.org.uk).

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Creating Safer Space Advanced Module training dates

The next set of training dates within the East Anglia District have been announced. The advanced course is compulsory for Church Safeguarding Officers; local preachers; worship leaders; and all those in paid employment or a voluntary role which includes leadership and involves direct work with children, youth or vulnerable adults. Those attending must have already completed the Foundation Module. Each session lasts four hours. Confirmed dates and venues are as follows:

- Tues 12th Nov, 13.00 at Great Holland Methodist Church, Essex
- Wed 13th Nov, 09.30 at Thorpe Marriott Methodist Church, Norwich
- Thurs 28th Nov, 09.30 at Wimpole Road Methodist Church, Colchester
- Sat 30th Nov, 09.30 at Soham Methodist Church
- Fri 13th Dec: 09.30 at Haverhill Methodist Church
- Mon Dec 16th: 11.00 at Thorpe Bay Methodist Church, Essex

The following dates are confirmed for early 2020, but the times and actual venues are not yet: Sat 11th Jan (HAEBEA); Mon 13th Jan (Lowestoft); Wed 29th Jan (Acle); Mon 3rd Feb (St Albans); Mon 10th Feb (Cambridge); Tue 25th Feb (North Beds); Fri 6th Mar (Hemel Hempstead); Sat 14th Mar (Thetford); Mon 16th Mar (Basildon); Tue 24th Mar (Central Norfolk); Sat 4th Apr (Bishop’s Stortford); Tue 21st April (St Neots); Tue 28th Apr (Stevenage).

Places at each are limited to thirty, and booking is essential (via Eventbrite) – visit https://css_advanced_module_east_of_england_region.eventbrite.co.uk.